GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Foot Overbridges to Reduce Road Accidents
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether lack of any facility for safe crossovers is the main reason for high pedestrian deaths in the country and if so, the details thereof

(b) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) proposes to build Foot Overbridges (FOBs) to reduce crashes and fatalities;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes an all India competition for design of FOBs to make them more user friendly;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said decisions are likely to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to make highways more user friendly for disabled persons?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) Several reasons like non-availability of cross over facilities, inappropriate movement of pedestrians along and across the Highway, higher speeds, lack of visibility etc., are responsible for high pedestrian deaths in the country.

(b) and (c) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has decided to construct foot over bridges wherever required as per site conditions for which simplified policy guidelines have been circulated by NHAI in March 2016.

(d) and (e) Yes Madam. Entries for the all India design competition for foot over bridges have been invited by NHAI with last date for submission of entries as 17.05.2016. Thereafter the entries would be evaluated and decisions are taken.

(f) Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways which are carried out as per Indian Roads Congress (IRC) standards & Ministry's guidelines. All the safety features including ramps at footpaths, openings in the medians for crossing the highways, pedestrian's zebra crossings with signs/signals etc., for safety of road users including disabled persons are incorporated as per these codes and standards in the development of National Highways.
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